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Forest City Surplus tech manager Adam Ostrander displays a pen that's actually a camera. The shades and the watch he's wearing can also take your picture without you knowing it. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Smile, you're on hidden cameras!

Who's watching you?

New-generation spy cams mean anyone could be filming you when you least expect it

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A woman runs out of a clothing boutique changing room when she notices a camera recording her from under the door.

A man is arrested after police say he used a hidden camera to secretly take pictures of kids using a public washroom.

They're both cases straight out of police files, thanks to large advances in tiny pieces of technology that officers say are a growing concern.

A slang term for them is spy cams — almost imperceptible cameras that can be as small as the head of a pin. And they're available to anyone, including the London man alleged to have peeped on partially naked children.

Eyes on you

"If you know where to look, pretty much any weirdo can get one."

Adam Ostrander, tech manager, Forest City Surplus, on how easy it is to acquire the tiniest spy cam.

A recent visit to Forest City Surplus turned up cameras in a pen, a watch and a pair of sunglasses. Most go for about \$39 to \$49 and come with a warranty.

Why would you want one?

That's not tech manager Adam Ostrander's business, though he's heard a few explanations over the years.

"Usually, it's parents that want to keep an eye on babysitters, or they're just trying to take care of their property and they don't want big, honking cameras where people can see them," he said.

They're easy to use, too.

"A lot of the time, wireless ones will have an SD card, so all you have to do is pop the card out, and you can play it off of any computer," he said.

While his store sells

some of the more common spy cams, Ostrander said the more advanced ones — which can look like a dead fly or even a loose thread on a man's tie — aren't difficult to find.

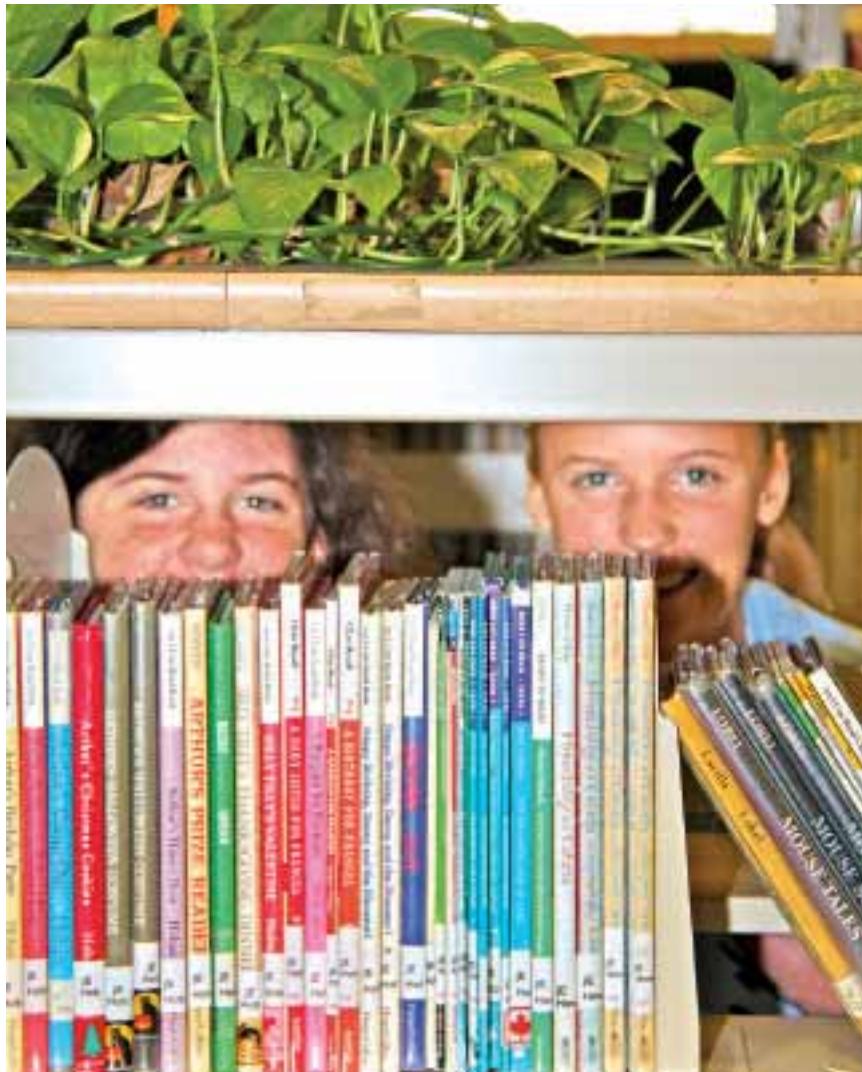
"Honestly, if you know where to look, pretty much any weirdo can get one," he said. "Online, you could probably find them anywhere. There are even online communities for them."

London police Const. Jenna Van Aarsen said officers can act only when a complaint is laid. And police aren't exactly being overrun with complaints, largely, perhaps, because few people ever notice the cameras.

"There are likely more incidents than we know of because they're so hard to detect," Van Aarsen said.

"For instance, there was a pen taped under a sink in a washroom at one point, so people need to be aware of their surroundings," she advised. "Take a quick look around. If you see a little hole or whatever, it's better to err on the side of caution. Contact the police to have it investigated."

Orser sides with library as budget battle heats up



Sydney Mallory, left, and Lucy Whitehouse, both of London, are just two of almost 40 kids attending the London Public Library's book camp. They're part of a new generation using the library's traditional and modern services.

SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Balancing benefits with bucks. London Public Library asking for 1.8 per cent increase



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The London Public Library is armed and ready for a battle with the city months before its budget will be finalized.

Now, it has an unlikely ally on its side.

Coun. Stephen Orser, a former adversary of pumping more money into libraries, said he's done a 180.

The library board is requesting a 1.8 per cent increase for 2014, and Orser, for one, likes that plan just fine.

"I'm going to vote in favour of the budget they put forward," he said. "They're most certainly showing restraint in hard times, but I've been exposed more to the library in the core with my daughter, and I've taken the time to talk to a massive amount of people who use the library and my eyes are wide open from the benefits we're getting from it."

Politicians likely won't decide how much the library will get until February. But it already looks as if there could be tough sledding to reach a

mutually acceptable number.

So far, the city has countered the library board's request with an increase of 0.7 per cent.

Board chairman Josh Morgan says there's a perception among some city councillors that fewer people are using libraries these days because everything they need to know can be found online.

That couldn't be further from the truth, Morgan said.

So who needs a stodgy, old-fashioned library?

A lot of people, if you look at the library's 2012 stats.

There were nearly 3.1 million in-person visits and about 4.7 million hits on the website. More than 4.3-million items were borrowed, including e-books, audio and videos.

Public computer use rang in at 635,216 times. Meeting spaces were used 12,432 times.

Morgan said the largest portion of the increase he's asking for is based on fixed costs that will rise whether the libraries get the money or not.

"Most of that is wages and benefits and contractual increases that are already in our multi-year collective agreement," he said. "We either have to absorb that by cutting other areas, or put that out there as our increase need."

"There are also utilities and insurance costs that can't be lowered and leases that can't be rewritten."

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"It's not the library of 20 years ago, with the wide scope of programs we have now."

Josh Morgan, library board chair

London JP guilty of judicial misconduct: Review council

A justice of the peace was found guilty of judicial misconduct Tuesday after helping her daughter lie to a London police officer about her identity during a traffic stop.

The Justices of the Peace Review Council is being asked to consider the most severe penalty — a recommendation of removal from office. A penalty will be handed down in October.

Justice of the Peace Donna

Phillips, a veteran of the bench based in London, was riding in a car driven by her daughter when they were pulled over for running a red light in March 2012, according to the decision.

Her daughter, Maryanne Kechego, did not have her driver's licence with her and gave a fake name and birthdate. Kechego, 50, told the officer that her "aunt" was a justice of the peace and could vouch for

her identity as "Kelly Titchner."

Though Phillips denied doing so, the review council found that she claimed that the driver was her niece and that she did not know the driver well.

"Much of Justice of the Peace Phillips' evidence makes no common or logical sense," states the decision, which notes Phillips' vast experience with traffic matters in court.

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Thames death. Police ID body pulled from river

Police say a 44-year-old Windsor man was the person found dead on Friday in the Thames River.

Ahmad Subhi Sabata's body was pulled from the water near Richmond and Grey streets. Someone walking in the area spotted the body and called 911 at about 10 a.m., police have said. The circumstances surrounding the death are still being investigated, but no foul play is suspected.

Police identified Sabata late

Still investigating

Anyone with information about Ahmad Subhi Sabata's activities in the days leading up to Friday are being asked to call police at 519-661-5670.

Friday after a public appeal and have spent the past few days trying to contact his family.

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'I'm a lefty in a righty's world': Day honours left-handers

Minority. A little fewer than 40,000 left-handed people live in London

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They battle with corkscrews, can openers and tools, but sometimes there's an advantage to being a lefty.

Tuesday marked International Left Handers Day — a day to celebrate all the quirky, daily problems faced by people such as Jacob Raffaele.

He crosses his arms when using a computer with a mouse, keeping the mouse on the right. His thumbs cross over when he plays video games, too.

"I'm a lefty in a righty's world," Raffaele laughs.

But on the pitcher's mound or in the batter's box, his south-paw style is "a plus."

"The best thing lefties have is natural movement to the ball," said Raffaele, 22, a Texas native who just joined the London Majors baseball squad. "We might not hit as hard as a righty, but that movement really helps us."

For the most part, lefties —

Changed times for lefties

- There was a time when the left-handed were forced in school to write with their right hands. Now teachers are trained to support left-handed children and there are even writing guides for young lefties.



Jacob Raffaele
MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

each of Canada's estimated 10 to 13 per cent of them, a little fewer than 40,000 of whom live in London — simply have to adapt.

Toni Taylor, 38, a customer-service agent from south London — and a lefty — said: "I've become ambidextrous for certain things, like opening stuff, but I still can't write with my right hand."



Puppet-making kicks off three-day festival of puppets

Eva Park-Edwards and mom Tanya Park were part of the crowd making puppets at the Palace Theatre in Old East Village on Tuesday. The event, which also screened episodes of the *Muppet Show*, started a three-day festival of puppets. It continues on Wednesday at 7 p.m., with short movies, and on Thursday with a *Muppet Movie* singalong. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Iron Sirens back in the saddle

The Iron Sirens are getting ready to roar through the streets of London on Saturday to support a good cause.

The "riding club for chicks," as its members call it, was asked to take part in so many charity rides that it

set up its own. The weekend ride will support My Sisters' Place, which helps women facing homelessness.

The ride starts at Bellamere Winery on Gainsborough Road at 11 a.m. and ends with a barbecue at the

IBEW Union Hall on Temp Road. Taking part costs \$20, and the ticket includes the ride, food, entertainment and more.

"It's about empowerment and reliance and women working together,"

said Kristy Cairns of My Sisters' Place. "It's really good for us, and we're excited to be a part of this ride that they're doing."

For tickets and more information, visit iron sirens.ca.
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Senate sends Wallin's audit to RCMP, expects \$82,000

Expense scandal.

Senator has her ability to write off travel costs restricted for next year

Partisan Conservative fund-raising benefits, a short hop to catch a flight to the Caribbean and glitzy awards galas are just some of the expenses Sen. Pamela Wallin billed to taxpayers under the guise of Senate business.

The Saskatchewan senator now faces an RCMP probe as well as having to pay back more than \$82,000 after an audit flagged a host of inappropriate travel claims dating back to her first days in the upper chamber.

Wallin's ability to travel on the taxpayers' dime will be restricted for at least the next 12 months, Senate committee members said Tuesday. "I believe I can speak for my colleagues on both sides when I say that we found aspects of

the Deloitte report very troubling," said Liberal Sen. George Furey.

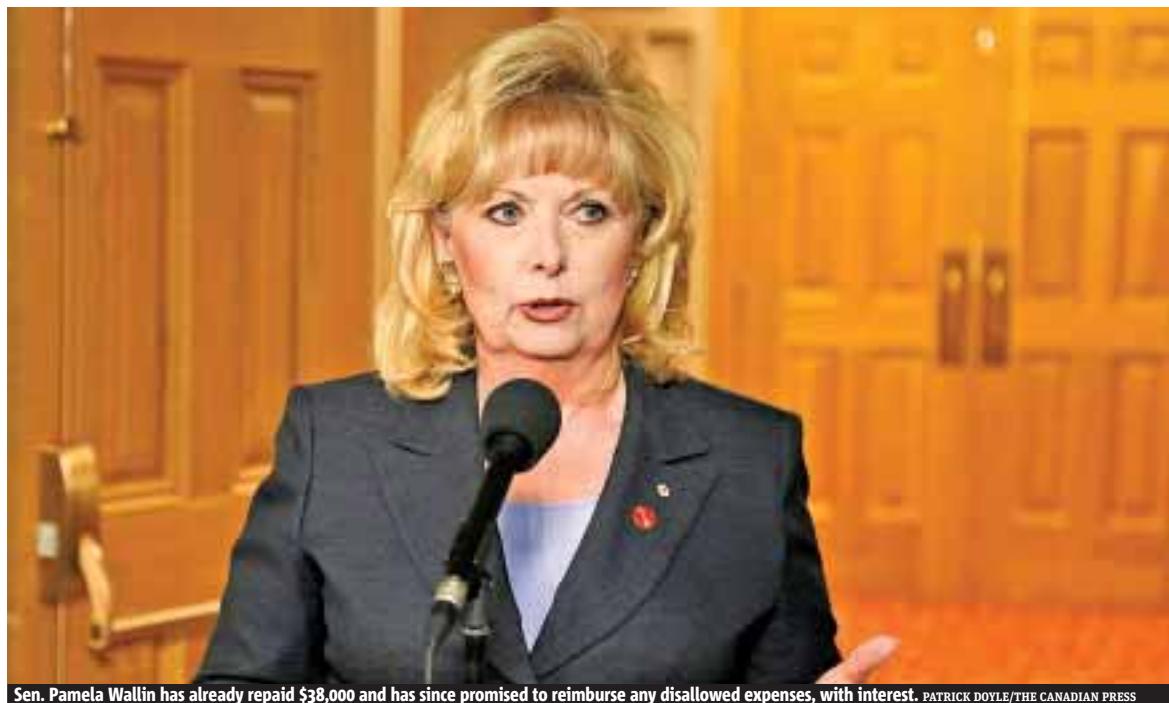
The former broadcaster has called the audit "flawed and unfair," and her attorney has complained to auditing firm Deloitte about leaks of confidential information.

"Virtually nothing has happened ... which has not in some form or another found its way into the media," wrote Terrence O'Sullivan.

Deloitte auditors flagged \$121,348 in inappropriate expenses and called for further review of nearly \$21,000 in additional claims. Wallin has already repaid \$38,000.

The audit also found that changes had been made retroactively to entries in Wallin's electronic calendar once the audit process had begun.

Wallin says the changes were the result of advice she received to co-operate with the audit. Conservative Sen. David Tkachuk said he told Wallin to omit only irrelevant information. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Sen. Pamela Wallin has already repaid \$38,000 and has since promised to reimburse any disallowed expenses, with interest. PATRICK DOYLE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Thieves dump out ashes of car-crash victim



Colleen Ransom with a picture of her daughter Emma. Earlier this month, thieves emptied the pouch that Colleen is holding. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

Car prowlers on the hunt for loose change and other valuables have taken something from a grieving Calgary mother that money can't buy.

Colleen Ransom had kept her daughter Emma's ashes in her pickup truck since the 19-year-old student and three friends were killed in a 2009 car crash.

On Aug. 2, several vehicles were broken into on Colleen's street, and someone removed a green pouch with Emma's ashes inside and emptied it onto the rain-soaked street.

Reliving loss

"Who would do that? Who would take the ashes and dump them.... It's a violation."

Colleen Ransom, mother of car-crash victim Emma

Colleen was able to salvage only a few ashes and came forward Tuesday pleading with the public to help police nab the burglars.

Also stolen was a green rain jacket that belonged to Emma.

Police are looking to speak with three girls between the

ages of 14 and 17 spotted in the neighbourhood around the time of the break-ins.

"It's hard for me to even imagine suffering the loss of a daughter," said acting Staff Sgt. Lee Stanton. "And now unfortunately our victim has been victimized once again,

and we're looking for the public's help to find those responsible."

Neighbour Garrett Smith said most of the neighbours he's spoken to said the thieves took only change out of the vehicles and ignored higher-value electronics.

Colleen, meanwhile, says she may now keep Emma's remaining ashes in her purse.

"(The pain) never goes away, anyway," she said. "She's always there.... I think about her constantly."

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

Caught red-handed?

Doc accused of stealing drugs from smuggler's gut

Russian police have arrested a surgeon who they say stole some of the heroin he had been called on to extract from the stomach of a suspected drug mule.

Police in the Siberian region of Krasnoyarsk say that

after investigators discovered some of the drugs were missing, they searched the surgeon and found a packet containing five grams of heroin hidden in his clothes.

The surgeon, who was not identified, was under the influence of narcotics when he was apprehended, according to the police statement issued Tuesday.

If convicted, the doctor faces up to 15 years in prison. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Still suspects

DNA test can't link Cold Blood killers

DNA testing on the two killers profiled in the Truman Capote book *In Cold Blood* does not link them to a quadruple homicide in Florida over 50 years ago.

Capt. Jeff Bell of the Sarasota Sheriff's Office said Tuesday that authorities were unable to make a match be-

tween the killers, Perry Smith and Richard Hickock, and Christine Walker, who was slain in 1959 in Sarasota with her husband and children.

The family was killed soon after Hickock and Smith murdered a Kansas family.

Authorities said they couldn't match DNA because only partial profiles could be taken from the exhumed bodies, and the crime-scene samples were old and degraded. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Toxin 400K times limit

Derailment has blighted area: Tests

Tests conducted by an environmental group suggest last month's Lac-Mégantic, Que., train disaster had a devastating impact on water quality and soil.

Extremely high concentrations of carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and arsenic,

detected in surface water, have "confirmed the fears" of the Société pour vaincre la pollution, the group said.

A chemical engineering professor at Montreal's Ecole polytechnique says the crude evidence-gathering techniques used undermine the tests' scientific value.

"It's incomplete and the report is alarmist," said Gregory Patience. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Cyclist nearly severs spine after hitting tape strung in road

'Took the force of it on my chin.' Bicycling to work quickly turned into a nightmare for father after he collided with electrical tape

 LUKE SIMCOE
Metro Online

Sterling Eyford nearly severed his spine and now has five titanium plates holding his jaw together, all because electrical tape was mysteriously strung across a road in Victoria, B.C.

Eyford, 34, was cycling to work Friday morning when he collided with the tape. He was thrown off his bike and landed on the road.

"I took the whole force

of it on my chin," he said.

His jaw shattered in two places. He lost a tooth. He hyperextended his neck. He has minor neurological damage in his hands and arms, and will be eating through a straw for weeks.

"I pushed my spinal cord as far as it could go without being severed," he said. "I feel lucky. It could have been so much worse."

Eyford works as a casual

producer for CBC, and says the "stupid prank" will cost him weeks of work and put undue stress on his family.

"I have two little girls at home," he said. "I can't even pick my kids up right now."

According to the Victoria Police Department, the black tape was strung on an angle between two traffic signs on Kings Road. It's not clear why the tape was

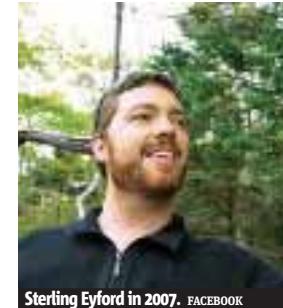
there, or whether it was an intentional attempt to target cyclists or motorists.

Police are appealing to the public for help identifying possible suspects.

"I hope the whole weight of the law falls on these people," Eyford said.

"But I also want them to realize they did something extremely stupid and extremely violent."

"They attacked me."



Sterling Eyford in 2007. FACEBOOK



Protesters demand 'justice for Sammy, justice for all'

Sarah Yatim, sister of Sammy Yatim, helps lead a march up Yonge Street in Toronto. Hundreds of protesters waving banners and placards spilled into the streets outside the city's police headquarters Tuesday demanding justice for an 18-year-old who died after being shot and Tasered by officers last month. Yatim's mother and sister, along with the families of other police shooting victims in Ontario, attended the protest, which coincided with a monthly public meeting of Toronto's police services board. "Justice for Sammy, justice for all," chanted protesters, who were blocked from the police headquarters' entrance by officers on bikes. Yatim died on July 26 on an empty streetcar following a police shooting that was captured on several cellphone and security camera videos. TEXT: THE CANADIAN PRESS; PHOTO: RANDY RISLING/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Iron Dome. Israeli army shoots down rocket near Red Sea resort town

The Israeli military shot down a rocket launched toward a Red Sea resort town near the border with Egypt on Tuesday, the army said.

It was the first time Israel's Iron Dome missile defence system successfully intercepted a rocket attack on the resort of Eilat, the military said. The incident came after days of

heightened tension along the Egypt-Israel border.

The army said the rocket was intercepted early Tuesday and that there were no injuries. It didn't provide more details and declined to comment on the origins of the projectile.

An Al-Qaida-inspired group, Ansar Jerusalem, claimed responsibility. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt. Interim president reinforces authority, swears in 20 governors

Egypt's interim president swore in 20 new provincial governors on Tuesday, a move that reinforces the new leadership's authority and removes all Muslim Brotherhood members previously installed in the posts by Mohammed Morsi before his ouster as president.

The shake-up came as supporters of Morsi reinforced

their six-week-old sit-ins in the capital and rallied for more protests across the country to demand his reinstatement.

The former Islamist president's Brotherhood group is rejecting talks with the new government, much less participation in the post-Morsi transition.

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Bradley Manning. 'Mental instability' ideally would have blocked deployment

U.S. soldier Bradley Manning's violent outbursts and a photo of himself dressed as a woman ideally should have blocked him from deploying to Iraq, but the Army needed his skills, the soldier's former boss testified Tuesday.

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Paul Adkins testified as a defence witness at the sentencing hear-

ing for the former intelligence analyst convicted of disclosing reams of classified information through WikiLeaks. Manning faces up to 90 years in prison.

Adkins said in April 2010, Manning emailed him a picture of himself in a blond wig and lipstick attached to a letter titled, "My problem."

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Railway in Quebec tragedy has its Canadian licence suspended

Montreal. Federal regulator made call after reviewing MMA's liability insurance

The railway at the centre of the Lac-Mégantic, Que., train disaster will have its operating licence suspended in Canada, a severe blow to an already crippled company.

The Canadian Transportation Agency announced Tuesday that it's revoking the certificates of fitness for the Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway Ltd. and its Canadian subsidiary, Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Canada Co.

The arm's-length federal regulator says it made the decision after reviewing the railway's third-party liability insurance following the fiery July 6 derailment that killed 47 people and wiped out part of downtown Lac-Mégantic.

"We have given them until Aug. 20 to conclude their railway activities in Canada," said agency spokeswoman Jacqueline Bannister.

The agency said it had ad-

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"We have concluded that (the coverage) is not adequate, thereby we have no choice but to suspend their certificate of fitness."

Canadian Transportation Agency spokeswoman Jacqueline Bannister

vised the railway that it must maintain at least the same amount of third-party liability coverage it had before the derailment. But it said MMA's insurance broker indicated the aggregate coverage had been cut in half since the derailment.

Even before the suspension announcement, MMA's survival seemed like a long shot.

Since the crash, several lawsuits have been filed, a criminal investigation is underway, railway standards have been tightened and the province has demanded money from MMA for the massive cleanup. Last week, MMA was granted creditor protection in Canada and bankruptcy protection in the U.S. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



An engineer checks the engine of a Montreal, Maine & Atlantic locomotive on July 11 outside the company's offices in the town of Farnham, Que. The Canadian Transportation Agency announced Tuesday that it's revoking the certificate of fitness for the embattled railway company. **GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Coca-Cola tries to defend safety of aspartame



Coca-Cola will run an ad in U.S. papers in an attempt to reassure people that its lower-calorie drinks aren't harmful. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE**

Coca-Cola plans to run its first ad defending the safety of artificial sweeteners on Wednesday, a move that comes as the company looks to stem declining sales of diet soda.

The print ad is set to run in USA Today in the Atlanta area, followed by the Atlanta Journal Constitution on Thursday and the Chicago Tribune next week. It says that diet drinks can help people manage their weight and stresses the scientific evidence showing the safety of aspartame, more

commonly known under the NutraSweet brand name.

The ad represents the next phase of a campaign Coca-Cola Co. launched in January to push back at critics who blame its sugary drinks for spiking obesity rates.

The first wave of ads outlined the company's commitment to fighting obesity and pointed to the many diet options it offers. Now Coca-Cola is trying to reassure people that those lower-calorie drinks aren't harmful. "Coke

is trying to get out front and proactively defend these diet sweeteners," said John Sicher, editor of Beverage Digest.

Sales of diet sodas are falling at a faster rate than regular sodas in the U.S., according to Beverage Digest. The declines come even though the U.S. Food and Drug Administration says aspartame may be safely used in foods as a sweetener, and the ingredient can be found in a wide array of other types of drinks and foods. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Losing its fizz

- The fading popularity of soft drinks in the U.S. has been a long-running trend, given worries that they make people fat.
- But more recently, people have been pulling back on diet soda as well, signalling that concerns about pop go beyond just weight gain.

Washington

U.S. Justice Dept. seeks to block airline merger

The U.S. federal government is trying to block the proposed merger of American Airlines and US Airways, saying it would cause "substantial harm" to consumers by leading to

higher fares and fees.

The U.S. Justice Department, joined by the attorneys general of six states and the District of Columbia, filed a lawsuit to block the merger Tuesday in federal court in Washington, D.C. The airlines said the government's conclusions were wrong, and they vowed to use "all legal options" to fight back. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Waterloo

BB Q5 goes on sale amid chatter about firm's future

The latest smartphone from BlackBerry hit store shelves in Canada on Tuesday, a day after the tech company announced it was exploring "strategic alternatives" including its

possible sale. Rumours began circulating last week that the company could be scooped up by an interested buyer or even go private. CIBC

analyst Todd Coupland suggested BlackBerry could be worth as much as \$20 per share in a takeover. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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HYPERLOOP CREATOR HAS CREDIBILITY

How cool is this:

A transport system that gets people from San Francisco to Los Angeles in half an hour using currently available technology?

It's called Hyperloop, the latest crazy plan from Elon Musk, the visionary who has so far given the world PayPal, the Tesla electric car and SpaceX, the world's only private space program.

Hyperloop is a solar-powered, lightweight, pneumatic system that proposes to move people and cars from one destination to another at 1,000 kilometres an hour. The tubes would follow California's I-5 and, unlike the rapid rail system now in the planning process, farmers would still be able to plant their crops under the columns.

Any way you look at it — cost, speed, efficiency, access, land use — Musk's estimated \$10-billion bright idea compares favourably to the now-planned \$70-billion-to-\$100-billion train that would poke along at about 320 kilometres an hour.

So why is everyone dumping all over it? Typical of the expert



JUST SAYIN'
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opinion on Hyperloop is Richard White, a professor of American history at Stanford and author of *Railroaded: The Transcontinentals and the Making of Modern America*.

"It doesn't seem plausible to me," he told The New York Times. "I'm suspicious about everything, especially cost."

I'm not sure what Richard White thought when Musk announced SpaceX in 2002, but I don't think there was anyone who really believed it would be the first privately held company to take cargo to the International Space Station a mere 10 years later.

Elon Musk has visionary cred. While the tenured professors of negativity mutter in their beards, Elon Musk is busy designing the future.

Along with a few others such as the recently departed Steve Jobs, Google's Sergey Brin and tech-genius emeritus Bill Gates.

Not everything these guys dream up works. Landfills are littered with Newton PDAs and Vista software bundles and Google

seems to shut down as many services as it launches, but look at what they've brought to the table. Modern wonders of the world:

- A place where you can go and ask any question about anything and get a million answers.
- Programs that allow you to write, calculate, communicate, design, create and connect, all from your lap.
- Small devices that fit into your pocket that allow you to store, organize and access as many beautiful words, pictures and melodies as you can stand.

Not to mention a rocket-ship company that has single-handedly saved the International Space Station, our seed pod to the stars.

Sadly, for every Elon Musk, there are 100 Richard Whites. Eminent, expert and enervating. People who can tell you how it won't work. Prophets of failure.

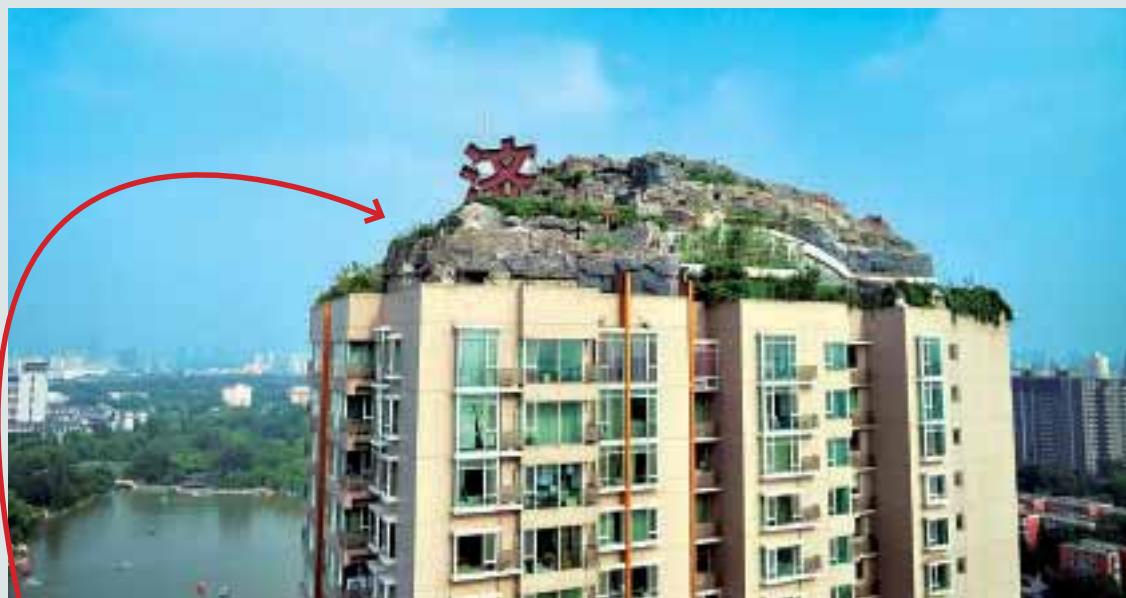
We need more Elon Musks, people who look at grinding challenges such as gridlock and climate change and see opportunity. More than that: They see excitement. Their eyes sparkle.

It's like corny old Buzz Lightyear likes to say: To infinity and beyond!

Why would we want to go anywhere else?

ZOOM

Rustic rock villa meets urban upset



IMAGINECHINA/REX FEATURES

One castle in the sky not wanted

A mysterious Chinese medicine practitioner has been ordered to dismantle a rocky mountain villa built on top of a 26-storey block of apartments in Beijing.

Neighbours say Prof. Zhang Biqing began to illegally build the huge rock dwelling six years ago and they live in fear that the weight will cause the building to collapse. **METRO**

Costly

\$3.5M

At 27,349 yuan (\$4,468 US) per square metre for property in the Chinese capital, and 800 square metres (8,600 square feet) of rocky terrain, Zhang's luxury rooftop pad could be worth more than \$3.5 million US.

The faux mountain home is covered by fake rockeries, real trees and bushes, and is located in one of the city's more upmarket areas.

Unlicensed add-ons and alterations to homes is a common practice among China's wealthiest.

15-day deadline for demolition

The suites beneath Zhang's already suffer from cracks and leaking roofs. One neighbour had complained to the local urban management office, but Zhang allegedly hired thugs to beat him up and he then moved away. Following media exposure, the local urban management office has now ordered Zhang to dismantle the property within 15 days or it will be torn down. **METRO**

Quoted

"Since I dare to live here, I am not worried about complaints. Famous people come to my place and sing. How can you stop them? I used to worry that the house might be too much but I never expected this much attention."

Zhang told Beijing Morning News

war machines, with special care to positioning that exploits the weaknesses of your opponents' tanks while defending against the vulnerabilities of your own. Easily worth the cost. (iOS/\$0.99)

Disc Drivin'

OK, so there's nothing new about Disc Drivin', but I've recently rediscovered it buried among my app folders. A turn-based racing game where the vehicle of choice is a weighted disc you flick around a tricky track. (iOS/\$1.99)

Letters

RE: Ontario to examine pesticides as possible cause of bee deaths, published July 9

It was good to see a couple of articles back in July on the problems honeybees are having. Keep up the good work. I think the public needs to be made aware of how the honeybee has become an essential part of modern agriculture. Without it, the large crops of fruits, vegetables, nuts and even cotton wouldn't be pollinated.

The U.S. lost so many honeybee colonies that every year the country imports honeybees from Australia in order to satisfy the demand from farmers.

When a bug eats a leaf, it dies. When a honeybee takes pollen and nectar to its hive, it therefore feeds this poison to the brood as well as the adult bees.

Derrick To, Vancouver

Can you imagine having to hand pollinate the flowers on a pear tree in order to get a pear to grow? Can you imagine the cost of the fruit? Well it is already happening. There is a province in China that no longer has honeybees due to the use of pesticides and the pear trees have to be hand pollinated.

A few months ago the EU banned neonicotinoids for a couple of years. Hopefully this will help to slow or reverse the trend of the declining honeybee populations.

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You're not paranoid – movies on espionage are good business

I spy. Opening this weekend, *Paranoia* won't be the last in a long list of movies about double crossing businesses



IN FOCUS

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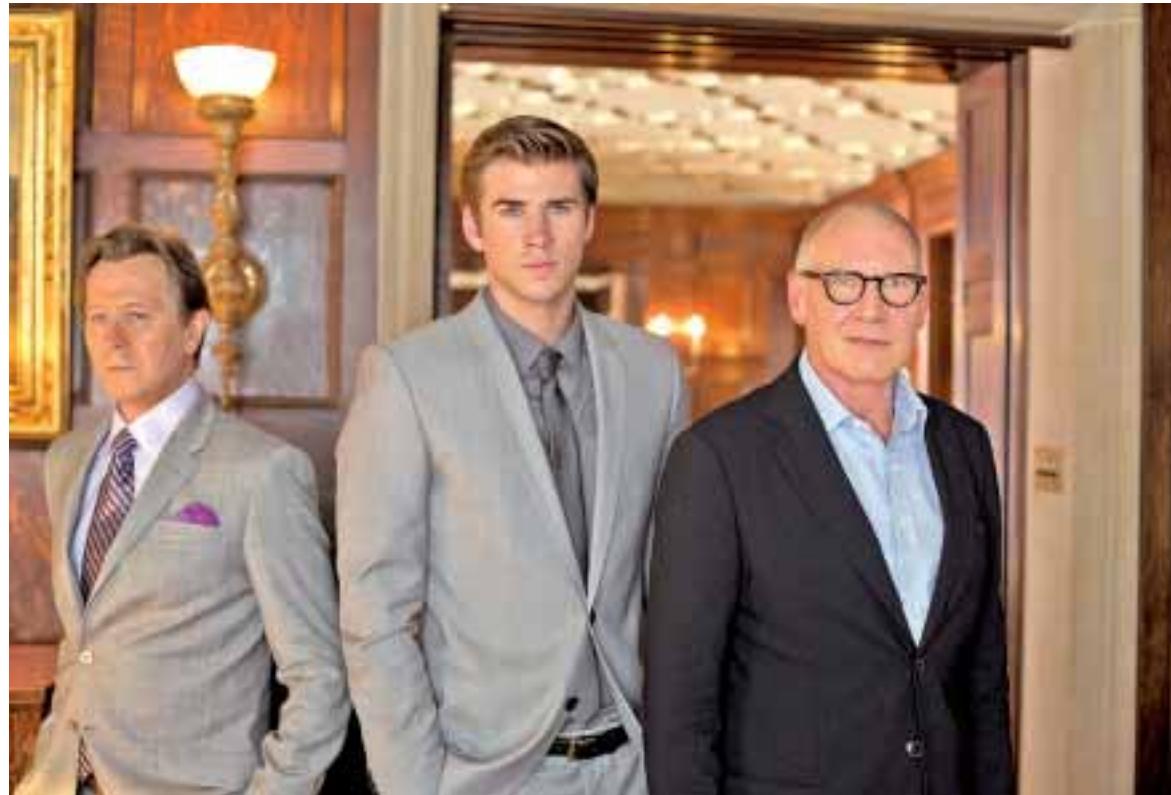
The word espionage is most commonly used in relation to spy stories. It conjures up images of James Bond, exotic locations and wild action scenes. But in many movies espionage has little to do with shaken not stirred martinis and Bond girls, and more to do with corporate secrets and intrigue.

This weekend, *Paranoia* explores the world of big business espionage as Adam Cassidy (Liam Hemsworth) finds himself doing dangerous double duty in the billion dollar world of high tech.

As an entry level employee, his boss Nicholas Wyatt (Gary Oldman) promises him a corner office, among other things, if he will spy on rival tech giant Jock Goddard (Harrison Ford).

That movie is set in the world of bits and bytes but corporate espionage comes in as many styles as that ergonomically designed chair in the CEO's office.

As the title would suggest, the movie *Duplicity* is ripe with lies and underhanded



Paranoia, starring Gary Oldman, left, Liam Hemsworth and Harrison Ford, opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

dealings. Julia Roberts and Clive Owen are former government spies now working in the private sector. Despite being intimately involved, they work for rival shampoo companies. It's a romantic comedy about undercover activities. Imagine if Rock Hudson and Doris Day had starred in *Mission Impossible* and you get the idea.

Genetics is the currency in *New Rose Hotel*, a 1999 Christopher Walken and Willem Dafoe film based on a short story by William Gibson. They play corporate moles hired to influence a Japanese bio-engineering expert to defect from one corporation to another. To seduce Dr. Hiroshi (Yoshitaka Amano) they hire a prostitute (Asia Argento) to win his affections. The plan doesn't work, and neither does the movie, really, but it's worth

a look for the flamboyant performances from Walken and Dafoe.

Finally, back in the world of high tech espionage, the Ben Affleck thriller *Paycheck* is a good little movie released at the wrong time. Wedged between *Gigli* and *Jersey Girl*, it came out at the height of *Bennifer* and the nadir of audience interest in Affleck as an actor.

Based on a Philip K. Dick

short story, Affleck plays Jennings, a genius programmer hired by corporations to reverse engineer new products, recreating them anew. His work is so secretive that after he's done, his memory is wiped clean. The chicanery really begins when his employer (Aaron Eckhart) pulls a double cross, leaving Jennings with no money, no memory and a world of trouble.

Why there won't be an *Elysium* sequel

Neill Blomkamp's science fiction action dystopia *Elysium* topped the box office its opening weekend, pulling in an estimated international gross of \$41.3 million.

Not too shabby, but success doesn't mean there will be a sequel — at least if Blomkamp has anything to say about it. The writer-director, who dodged pressure to make a sequel to *District 9* and instead has followed it up with *Elysium* and his next film, the original *Chappie*, is something of a sequel-phobe.

"One of my favourite parts of filmmaking is just conceptualizing ideas," he says. "Executing them is very different to conceptualizing them. I tend to come up with a lot of ideas and I get attached to a lot of them. It creates a different mindset where it's like, 'I want to see this get executed and I want to see that get executed' as opposed to, 'I want to return back to this world from this film.' I have a few other ideas for films I want to make currently."

For movie-goers who have

already seen *Elysium*, the idea that there won't be a sequel is hardly a surprise. And that was what made it so appealing to star Matt Damon.

"I love what it says to the industry. There's not going to be a sequel to this movie. Just deal with it. I love that message," Damon says. "As a movie-goer it's hard not to be cynical when you see every movie trying to set up a sequel. Hopefully it will be refreshing and people will go, 'Oh, that's cool.'"

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Neill Blomkamp and Matt Damon are perfectly alright with there not being an *Elysium* sequel. CONTRIBUTED

Life can be one heck of a ride, especially on these coasters

Amusement. Summer may be winding down, but there's still plenty of time to get your heart racing with these rides

JULIE KAYZERMAN
Metro World News in New York City

Pete Trabucco has a pretty thrilling job if you ask us — he's an amusement park expert. Yes, that's an actual job. Jealous? The author of America's Top Roller Coasters and Amusement Parks gave us the 411 on the best roller coasters in the United States for you to see this summer.

Hottest new coaster

Gatekeeper Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio cedar-point.com

Trabucco calls Cedar Point the "Mecca for all roller coaster enthusiasts." Gatekeeper is "one of the most anticipated rides that's coming out of that location," he says. "It's an absolutely amazing wing coaster in which you are actually suspended on the other side of this entire track," he says. "You are just flying with nothing but just air."

Cedar Point has 16 coasters, including Gatekeeper. It is also the only amusement park to have four coasters taller than 200 feet, including Top Thrill Dragster, the second tallest roller coaster in the world.

Tragedy on vacation: how to deal



ON THE MOVE

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When tragedy strikes during a vacation, it can be especially jarring. Not only are you dealing with a horrible situation, but you are in unfamiliar surroundings with no loved ones around to comfort or assist.

It is important to understand that the help you will



There is still plenty of coaster-weather left this year. ISTOCK IMAGES

Tallest thriller

Kingda Ka Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, N.J. sixflags.com/greatadventure

Going from zero to 128 m.p.h. in about four seconds, this steel accelerator reaches 456 feet before it drops 418 feet at a 90-degree angle.

Best wooden coaster

El Toro Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, N.J.

This ride became the first wooden coaster to use a cable lift instead of a chain lift, allowing for a much

receive from the Canadian government's consular services may be limited. If someone dies while travelling abroad, they will not pay for the burial, cremation or repatriation costs of a deceased Canadian, although they can provide advice and contact relatives. The related expenses are your responsibility. However, the Department of Justice Canada may sometimes provide financial assistance to Canadians who are victims of violent crimes abroad through its Victims Fund.

You are also responsible to register the death according to local regulations and get a local death certificate. Consular services can provide you with a list of local lawyers,

faster and steeper ride. El Toro has one of the steepest wooden-coaster drops and was voted the 2013 No. 1 wooden coaster by Amusement Today.

Best Florida coaster

Dragon Challenge Harry Potter World, Universal Park, Orlando, Fla. universalorlando.com/harrypotter

"The Dragon Challenge is basically two coasters that actually come tip to tip," says Trabucco. "When you're on the ride you actually almost touch toes as you loop the loop simultaneously."

World's largest

Safari expansion nets Six Flags' new title

Move over Disney. Six Flags Great Adventure is now the world's largest park thanks to its newest expansion ride, Safari Off Road Adventure.

The Jackson, N.J., theme park reimagined its 38-year-old Wild Safari park during the off-season, outfitting

Best kiddie coasters

"Any park that you go to, you're going to find at least one or two kid rides that are really well worth going on," Trabucco says. "If you're an adult and you're like me, you're not going to fit, but you hold your breath." Trabucco recommends:

- Sesame Place Langhorne, Pa. sesameplace.com
- Walt Disney World Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. disneyworld.disney.go.com
- Runaway Mine Train Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, N.J. sixflags.com/greatadventure

the 350-acre, 1,200-animal preserve with 18 open-air safari vehicles customized from surplus army trucks.

"It's a worthwhile, interesting attraction," says Paul Ruben, industry expert and North American editor of Park World magazine.

By merging the Safari reserve with the existing Great Adventure property, the park is now 510 acres — surpassing Walt Disney World's Animal Kingdom (500 acres) as the world's largest theme park.

CHRIS LONGO



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passports, credit cards and photo IDs at home with loved ones. It will make it easier for them to assist you.

A crepe isn't a crepe without a plum

These crepes are delicious for breakfast, brunch or dessert. The plums are cooked with star anise until just soft and complemented by the cardamom in the whipped cream.

1. In a large bowl, whisk

Ingredients

- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 500 ml (2 cups) milk
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) melted butter, plus extra for cooking crepes
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt

Plums

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 6 blue plums, pitted and quartered
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) granulated sugar
- 250 ml (1 cup) semi-dry white wine (such as Riesling)
- 8 whole star anise pods
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon

Whipped Cream

- 250 ml (1 cup) whipping cream (35 per cent)
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) liquid honey
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cardamom

eggs, milk, 50 ml (1/4 cup) melted butter, flour and salt until no lumps remain. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours before making crepes.

2. Plums: In a large heavy-bottomed skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Brown cut side of plums for about 2 minutes per side; sprinkle with sugar. Add wine, star anise pods and lemon zest to skillet and bring to a boil; reduce heat to medium. Cook until plums are soft, about 4 minutes. With a slotted spoon, remove plums to a heatproof bowl.

3. Bring syrup to boil; boil until reduced by half, 5 to 6 minutes. Add lemon juice to taste; pour over plums. Cover and let cool to room temperature.

4. Crepes: Heat a 20-cm (8-inch) non-stick skillet over medium heat. Brush pan with melted butter. Pour 75 ml (1/3 cup) batter into centre of pan, tilting pan to cover bottom thinly. Return to heat for about 1 minute or until bottom is lightly browned. Using

Plum Crepes With Cardamom and Honey Whipped Cream



This recipe serves eight. COURTESY THE CANADIAN PRESS

a spatula, flip crepe over and brown other side. Remove to a plate. Repeat with remaining batter, buttering pan if needed. (Refrigerate crepes if not using immediately.)

5. Whipped Cream: Using an electric mixer, whip cream

on medium until thickened slightly. Slowly add honey and cardamom, whipping until stiff peaks form, about 2 minutes. Keep refrigerated until ready to use.

6. Remove star anise pods from plums. Place crepes on

cutting board. Divide plum mixture among 8 crepes, spooning mixture onto one half. Fold crepes over. Carefully transfer to serving plates; garnish with whipped cream and a star anise pod. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ CHEF TAFIK SHEHATA FOR FOODLAND ONTARIO

Drink of the Week

Breakfast of Champs

Kick off any hot summer day with this refreshing punch. It's simple and delicious, with lemon juice, simple syrup and soda water.

- 8.5 oz Belvedere Vodka
- 4 oz lemon juice
- 3 oz simple syrup
- 16 oz soda water

Add all ingredients into a glass jug. Garnish with lemon slices and mint.

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Your job hunt is all about preparation. Careful research, polished cover letters and resumes and a clear plan for the future are all key to your success.

Don't overlook a crucial component of the job hunt that could be essential to snagging your dream job: the on-the-spot interview.

If you're networking or attending an info session, you may find yourself in a casual conversation that suddenly turns the heat up when a big name figure or recruiter starts asking you the tough questions.

Presenting yourself in just a few minutes might seem nerve-wracking, but these tips will help you ace an on-the-spot interview.

Get excited

First impressions matter a great deal. If you seem like you're dreading an interview-style conversation, that's going to affect your responses and how they're received.

When presented with the opportunity to take part in an on-the-spot interview, imagine it as getting one step closer to a job.

Yes, it's a challenge, but that doesn't mean you have to treat it like a hurdle.

You should be seeking out these opportunities, not fearing that one might find you.

Tip: "That sounds great, I'd appreciate that opportunity," makes a much stronger impression than, "Oh! OK..."

Dress the part

Believe it or not, one of the key steps to success in an on-the-spot interview takes place before you even get in the room.

If you're visiting an event on the spur of the moment and are tempted to show up in street wear, think again. Wearing



Close your conversation with a handshake and a wrap-up statement that indicates you appreciated the opportunity to talk. Suggest following-up on your conversation and exchange contact information as appropriate. ISTOCK

appropriate attire helps communicate that you're taking the event seriously, and indicates to a prospective employer that you understand the importance of following a dress code.

A good rule of thumb is to dress as if you were attending a formal interview on-site at a company, or a little more formal than their daily dress code.

Err on the side of conservative dress, but try to include a unique detail that reflects your personality.

Tip: If it's impossible for you to get into your preferred networking outfit, be sure to at least wear something more dressy than you'd wear on an average day. No knapsacks!

Your thoughts?

TalentEgg:
#QuestionoftheDay: How do you prepare for an interview? Share your tips to help out other interviewees!



- @adamzaidi: #QuestionoftheDay To boost confidence, I tell myself that it would be their loss to not hire me and back it up with my skills.
- @HanleyShaun: #QuestionoftheDay Research the company, find out everything I can, good and bad, so I have questions and can interview them.

- Why do you want to work at our company?
- What are your greatest strengths and weaknesses?
- What are you looking for in a career?

You may think you've got these questions covered, particularly if you think well on your feet. However, providing a memorable answer isn't just about saying relevant things. These questions are generic, and even great answers that are all about you will sound generic as well. Don't just talk about yourself.

Use your answers to show active engagement with the structure and workplace culture of your potential employer.

Tip: This is a good opportunity to identify and prioritize what you're looking for in an employer. The results may surprise you!

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The dos and don'ts of dealing with a d'oh!

Mending your first mistake. Turn that blunder into an opportunity to impress your business buds

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Mistakes happen, especially when first hatching your career. There's a lot to learn, a new workplace "style" to

adhere to, and a ton of egg-citing but sometimes challenging scenarios. It doesn't help that being a new hire can be nerve-wracking as well.

The good news is that it's more than likely that your employer will be understanding of your first "whoops" if

you handle it properly. This is easy if you're equipped with the right skills. We did some research on how to overcome your first mistake at work and asked around to get more ideas.

Acknowledge that you've made a mistake

You've accidentally replied to everyone in a sensitive email, sent the wrong message or double-booked your boss.

The first thing to do is acknowledge the mistake. Don't sweep it under the



It may feel like the end of the world but this is the perfect time to prove yourself as a professional. ISTOCK

rug for someone else to find. Owning up prevents the mistake from snowballing into a serious problem.

This is also the perfect time to take any responsible steps to reverse the mistake, if possible.

Advise your manager

The best thing to do after realizing that you have made a mistake and taking the proper steps to come up with a solution is to advise your manager.

This may be a scary thing, but telling your manager about a mistake is a lot less scary than being asked about it.

While no one likes mistakes, you need to believe that your manager will understand and appreciate your honesty.

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NBL Canada

Lightning begin title defence Nov. 1

The London Lightning will be back in action Nov. 1 at Budweiser Gardens, facing the Windsor Express to open the 2013-14 season.

The reigning NBL of Canada champions will play a 40-game schedule, including 20 matches on the home hardwood. The last regular season game will be Feb. 28.

Two new teams have joined the league this season: The Brampton A's and the Ottawa Skyhawks.

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MLB

Toronto places Johnson on DL

The Blue Jays placed starting pitcher Josh Johnson on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday.

Johnson had been scratched from a start Monday after feeling soreness in the forearm, but he said the arm felt fine Tuesday prior to the workout.

The 29-year-old (2-8) has a 6.20 earned-run average but felt he had made a step forward after pitching five spotless innings last week in Seattle. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

MLB

Former league MVP on waivers

The Minnesota Twins have placed Canadian first baseman Justin Morneau on revocable waivers.

If Morneau is claimed before Wednesday's deadline, the Twins can work out a trade with the claiming team to let that team take his contract or pull him back and keep him in Minnesota.

Morneau, a native of New Westminster, B.C., has been a cornerstone of the team for a decade. The former AL most valuable player is in the final year of his contract.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Brianne Theisen Eaton celebrates winning a silver medal in the heptathlon at the world track and field championships in Moscow on Tuesday.
ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Newlywed ups her game to win silver

Track and field.

Theisen Eaton captures her first world championship medal to complement her husband's gold

The Eatons finished their working honeymoon in Russia on Tuesday, ever so close to making it a double-gold celebration at the world track and field championships.

Brianne Theisen Eaton of Humboldt, Sask., failed to sufficiently shake off Ganna Melnichenko in the final 800-metre race of the heptathlon and finished with a silver medal two days after her husband, Ashton Eaton, won gold in the decathlon.

Making history

The medal was Canada's second in Moscow after London's Damian Warner won bronze in the decathlon.

- It's the first time Canadian athletes have ever won medals in male and female combined events at the same world championship.



Damian Warner GETTY IMAGES

decathlon earlier this week.

Barely a month after marriage, they proved it was a near-perfect competitive match as she gained her first global medal.

"I watched Ashton the last couple of years winning all his medals and could only sit back and imagine what that felt like," said Theisen Eaton.

"Ashton and I talked about both being on the podium here, it was definitely our plan. We'll probably just go home now, sit on the couch for a few days watching television and eating crappy food."

A real honeymoon could also be on the agenda.

"We're contemplating on the honeymoon," Theisen Eaton said. "Now would be the perfect time to go lay on the beach."

Melnichenko won her first major competition with 6,586 points, compared to 6,530 for Theisen Eaton, who became the third Canadian woman to win a world championship medal. Hurlers Priscilla Lopes-Schliep (silver in 2009) and Perdita Felicien (gold in 2003 and silver 2007) are the others. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/**
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Dead hockey player remembered as 'gentle large boy'

A junior hockey player who died suddenly at a training camp this week was a large but gentle boy who had recently started to show academic promise, his former principal said Tuesday.

Paul Kitchen, head of school

at Rothesay Netherwood in New Brunswick, said staff and students have been hit hard by the death of Jordan Boyd.

The 16-year-old boy died Monday after collapsing during a skating drill at tryouts for the Acadie-Bathurst Titan of the

Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

Kitchen said the 270-student private school in Rothesay is reaching out to offer support to Boyd's parents, who had been thrilled by their son's academic progress.

"Jordan is a fine, fine young man who worked hard at his academics, who worked hard at his relationship with others," Kitchen said in an interview.

"He was ... this gentle, gentle large boy with this smile on his face."

The league said a physical therapist provided CPR after Boyd fell on the ice, lost consciousness and stopped breathing at a rink in Bathurst, N.B. Results from an autopsy are expected later this week.

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2014 Ford Transit Wagon



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2014 Ford Transit Wagon

- Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact van
- Engines (hp).** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (168, est.); 1.6-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (173, est.)
- Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- Base price (incl. destination)** \$27,500



A peek at the dash.

Technology

Also available is SYNC with MyFord Touch, which is the automaker's latest voice-controlled infotainment and communications system, plus your selection of either cargo-van-style side-hinged rear doors or a more traditional liftgate.

Fuel Economy

Seeing as Ford is boasting better than 6.0 l/100 km highway rating for the turbo, 9.0 l/100 km in the city and 6.1 on the highway is a reasonable guess with the base 2.5 being a touch thirstier.

The retiring Transit Connect's tall body was always better suited for work-van duty, while the new Transit Connect Wagon's stylish sheet metal seems far more car-like in looks and in application. In fact, it's a long overdue departure from the classic minivan shape.

Review. A fresh take on the minivan ... from Europe? Yes indeed

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Nowhere in Ford's press or promotional literature will you see the 2014 Transit Connect Wagon referred to as a minivan.

But one walk around this big-roofed rig with its dual-sliding side doors and up to seven passenger seating capacity is enough to confirm that "minivan" is the most relevant designation, even if it's from Europe.

The TC Wagon, which arrives in late 2013, is the junior-sized civilian offshoot of a series of new windowless commercial-vans heading to North America from Ford's factory in Spain.

Unlike the Mazda, the TC Wagon will be offered in five and seven passenger sizes, separated by about 41 centi-

metres in overall length and in distance between the front and rear wheels. The pair replaces the original five-passenger Transit Connect van that arrived for the 2010 model year.

The five-passenger TC Wagon's just-right size is more esthetically pleasing, but for larger families the elongated seven-seat version will likely get the nod. Both are finished off as well as any other members of Ford's compact fleet, including the Focus sedan and hatchback and Escape small utility vehicle.

With three distinct trim levels — XL, XLT and Titanium — the TC Wagon can be spiced up just about any way you want, from utilitarian basic to full-on premium class transporter with leather seat coverings, king-size panoramic glass roof, a navigation system with a 6.5-inch (16.5-centimetre) screen, fancy wheels, upgraded sound system and other niceties.

In either case, the split-folding second-row — and the dual fore-and-aft-sliding third-



There's more than ample room to transport large goods with the seats folded down.

row seats found in extended models — can be flattened for maximum stowage. The TC Wagon will accommodate up to 545 kilograms of cargo and tow up to 910 kilograms. Think personal water craft or ATV here.

Along with its compact silhouette, the TC Wagon promises to maintain a solid grip on fuel consumption by way of its engines. The starting point is a 2.5-litre four-cylinder, while a turbocharged 1.6-litre four-cylinder "EcoBoost" powerplant is optional.

Far from being just a cargo

van with added windows and seats, the Transit Connect Wagon is nothing short of a fully turned-out utility hauler. Ford is keeping the starting prices to itself for now, but you'll likely be able to drive a short-wheelbase model off the lot for about \$27,500, which would put the longer model at close to \$30,000.

The TC Wagon represents a breakthrough of sorts in the minivan field, even if, categorically speaking, Ford would rather you refer to it as something other than a minivan.

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1 Mazda5
Base price: \$23,500



2 Dodge Grand Caravan
Base price: \$23,200



3 Honda Odyssey
Base price: \$31,600

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

You may have big plans and big expectations but keep a sense of perspective. If you let your enthusiasm race too far ahead, you may make a mistake that slows you right down again. Get the balance right.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You have what it takes to succeed but there is a touch of doubt in your mind that keeps you from giving your all. What happens today will remind you that doubt can be overcome.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You are finding it hard to believe in yourself but it doesn't matter. What counts is that others believe in you, and they do. Take it easy today. You have nothing to prove.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Someone you meet socially will praise you to the skies and tell you what a fine human being you are but your intuition warns they are not to be trusted. It's a trick to lull you into a false sense of security.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

What you are worrying about is of no importance. Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart may make it seem as if the world is against you but it's not true.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Someone in a position of power will try to force you to do something you don't agree with today but they won't succeed. Stand your ground and refuse to do anything that does not meet your standards.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It's good to be reminded of your limits and what happens over the next 24 hours will stop you in your tracks and balance out a mistake of some kind. Next time, don't go over the top so quickly.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Let your rivals and enemies have the last word today. The yapping they do has very little effect, so why waste your time reacting to it? Save your energy and put it to better use.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

There is nothing wrong with your plans but some people will find fault with them. Ignore the critics and carry on as you are. That will annoy them far more than if you get involved in a war of words.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Someone you have to deal with today won't be in the best of moods but don't let their negativity rub off on you. When they see that their doom and gloom act is having no effect they will give up on it.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

According to the planets what other people tell you is "the truth" and what is really the truth are two different things. Take everything you are told today, especially by "experts", with a large pinch of salt.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Try not to say anything that might be taken the wrong way by people who have the power to make life tough for you.

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

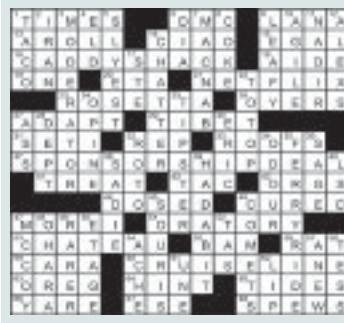


in Sumatra in Indonesia)
34. Men's magazine; or, saying
36. Classic toys company, ___-
38. Always, in verse
40. Locale on Cape Breton Island
42. Ten Commandments receiver
45. Alberta city southeast of Edmonton
48. Toronto Blue Jays home, ___ Centre
50. Czech Republic capital
52. Giver's opposite
53. Mythical maiden
54. Ireland's County

55. ___ Gold (Type of potato)
56. Apartment listing abbr.
57. Leeway
58. According to a-ha, where the sun always shines: 2 wds.
61. Predicament
63. Tree in Hawaii
64. Grandma

1. "Best Song ___" by One Direction
5. Cosmetic surgery procedure, commonly
9. Flavour
14. Cleave
15. "Walk Like ___" by The Four Seasons
16. Extreme
17. E-Mail junk
18. Montreal's Expo 67, for one: 2 wds.
20. Boredom
22. Nautical ropes
23. Driver's lit'l navigation aid
24. Like
#48-Down's roof
27. Chew at
28. Lone Star State resident
31. Dishonour
35. Michael Jackson's second wife, Debbie ___
37. Particular plant
39. Guernica artist
41. Skirt feature
43. Mr. Anthopoulos, Toronto Blue Jays GM
44. Village People hit
46. Furry mammal that can swim
47. Baseball base
49. Rock group's blasters
51. Chute ___ (Very high waterfall in Quebec)
56. Sibling to sis'
59. Equipment
60. Refuge
62. Video game series: 2 wds.
65. Create
66. Helicopter part
67. Biblical birthright trader
68. Some athletes, e.g.
69. MuchMusic tro-
phies, commonly
70. Quebec singer Mr. Simard
71. Feathered farm females
Down
1. Once, poetically
2. Venomous snake
3. Sidestep
4. Send payment
5. Sheriff, for one
6. Texting point-of- view
7. Movie sequel installment: 2 wds.
8. Songbook standard: "It's ___ Paper Moon"
9. Skirmish
10. The planet Mac alien
11. Male deer
12. Stumble
13. Sense organs

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	9	3	1	6	8	2	7	5
8	7	6	2	9	5	4	1	3
2	1	5	4	7	3	6	8	9
3	8	2	5	4	9	1	6	7
1	6	7	8	3	2	5	9	4
9	5	4	6	1	7	8	3	2
6	4	9	7	2	1	3	5	8
7	2	8	3	5	6	9	4	1
5	3	1	9	8	4	2	2	6

1				4
5	4			
		8	4	2
6	5	9	7	8
5	7			6 3
	9	6	1	3
3	2	9		
2	3			1 5
9				2



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